

## ALEXANDER S. BAIRD ELECTED COMMANDANT

Will Have Charge of R. E. Lee Camp Soldiers' Home, Succeeding Late Colonel Graves.

WAS IN STONEWALL BRIGADE

Institution Now Cares for 300 Aged Veterans of Confederate Service in War Between the States—Many Provisions for Comfort of Men.

Alexander S. Baird, a surviving member of the famous Stonewall Brigade and for nine years an inmate of the home, has been elected commandant of R. E. Lee Camp Soldiers' Home, succeeding Captain John Edmond Graves, whose death occurred about two weeks ago. William Meade McMechen, who also served for a while in Stonewall Jackson's legion, was elected to the office of adjutant, filling the vacancy caused by the promotion of his comrade. The board of visitors of the institution met Thursday night, and made the two selections.

Captain Baird is comparatively a young man, having just turned one year beyond three score years and ten. The call to arms in 1861 found him in the ranks of the 1st Virginia, and though a youth of only seventeen summers, he did not hesitate as to what course he should take. Three months later he enlisted in Company G (Bett's Grays), Second Virginia Infantry, Stonewall Brigade.

Throughout the trying years that followed, Captain Baird was a sharer of the triumphs of the Confederacy's premier military organization, missing only two battles in which the brigade participated—First Manassas and Antietam. He was one of the remnants of the gallant Army of Northern Virginia that lay down their arms at Appomattox Courthouse, and still has the parole that bars evidence to his honorable discharge from further military duty.

**ENTERED SOLDIERS' HOME**  
IN FEBRUARY, 1905  
After the war, Captain Baird went to Baltimore, where he followed the profession of a druggist for about fourteen years. Later he tried his fortune in New York City, remaining there more than twenty years. He came to the Soldiers' Home in February, 1906, and has filled practically every office in the institution.

William Meade McMechen, the new adjutant, had a varied and honorable career in the army. During the first year of the war, he served in Company G, Twenty-seventh Virginia Infantry, Stonewall Brigade. Most of this time he was detailed on special detached duty.

When the term of his enlistment in this command expired, he re-enlisted in Deering's Battery, Lynchburg Artillery, which was a part of Pickett's Division. After ten months of service as an artilleryman, he was appointed sergeant-major, and was ordered to report for duty with General A. G. Jenkins's brigade. While holding this position he acted as adjutant to the Thirty-sixth Battalion of Virginia Cavalry. Later, he became first lieutenant of Company B, and was serving in that capacity when he was captured some months afterwards at the battle of Fishers Hill. The end of the war found him a prisoner in Fort Delaware, from which he was released in June, 1865.

**SERVED AS POSTAL INSPECTOR UNDER GROVER CLEVELAND**  
After the war, Mr. McMechen moved to New York City. After spending some years there he went to Colorado, where he was appointed post-office inspector in charge of the Denver Division by President Cleveland during his second term. President McKinley, on assuming the reins of government, offered him the same position, but he declined. He was born at Clarkesburg, Harrison County, West Virginia, March 1842, and has been an inmate of the home for about seven months.

Conditions at the home were never better than they are today. Well fed, well clothed, with comfortable places to sleep and plenty of books and games to amuse them during their waking hours, the 300 old veterans, who are spending their declining years in the institution, have everything to make them reasonably happy and contented. Just now, they are looking forward with peculiar satisfaction to Christmas Day, when they will be served the very best dinner the land can afford. And, as a bonus, will follow on the last day of the year—rendered by the Richmond Chapter, Daughters of the Confederacy. On this occasion each of the veterans will receive a Christmas present.

**MANY ATTRACTIONS FOR USE OF VETERANS**

For the winter months, Randolph Hall, ordinarily used as an amusement-house, will be converted into a sort of clubroom, well heated and lighted, where the veterans may gather to read, talk or engage in a quiet game of dominoes. In other days, Randolph Hall was a kind of theater, used for motion pictures and entertainments staged by the Daughters of the Confederacy.

There is a distinctly spiritual atmosphere about the home. Two services are conducted in the chapel every Wednesday and three on Sunday. Richmond ministers of the various denominations alternate in filling the pulpit. Nothing is left undone to make the sick veteran comfortable. A hospital ward, sanitary in every detail, and in charge of three capable trained nurses, is maintained in the home, and the veterans too sick to move or leave stay with his comrades, is taken there, where he is given every care and consideration. Dr. P. D. Lipscomb is the hospital surgeon. There is also an infirmary.

For the maintenance of the home, the State makes a yearly appropriation of \$45,000. This is not enough by several thousand dollars for its support, and the usual deficit must be made up by private subscription.

The James estate, of Norfolk, provides \$6,000, and Jefferson County, West Virginia, sends a yearly subscription of \$150. With other help from

various individuals and organizations, the institution manages to live and do a noble work for the aging men in gray.

General Charles J. Anderson is president of the board of visitors, which directs the affairs of the institution.

## ANNUAL MEETING OF ACADEMY OF MEDICINE

Doctors' Association Will Elect Officers and Transact Other Business on Tuesday Night.

The annual meeting of the Richmond Academy of Medicine and Surgery will be held on Tuesday night 8:20 o'clock, in the Chamber of Commerce Building.

After the reading of the minutes, election of officers and annual reports will be the special order. The scientific program promises to be interesting. Dr. A. L. Gray will read a paper, entitled, "Present-Day Roentgen Ray Therapy." Dr. E. H. Terrell will present a report on some original work, "Use of Alcohol Injections in Treatment of Pruritus Ani." Dr. C. C. Coleman and Dr. E. Guy Hopkins will report some personal clinical and laboratory work.

## ENGINEER DISMISSED

Held Not Responsible for Death of Cornelia Johnson When Train Hit Street Car.

The case against Engineer C. M. Moncure, of the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac Railroad train that killed Cornelia Johnson, colored, in a collision with a street car at Hancock and Broad Streets several days ago, was dismissed in the Police Court yesterday. The verdict was rendered after a coroner's jury decided that the engineer had exercised all due vigilance and that he was not responsible for the accident.

## NO TRACE OF POISON

Heart Failure Given as Cause of Death of Mrs. Eva Martin.

Coroner Taylor yesterday testified in the Police Court that he had found no trace of poison in the stomach of Mrs. Eva Martin, who was found dead in her bed at 402 1-2 North Second Street some days ago, and Justice Crutchedfield promptly dismissed the vacancy charge against Earl Degees, who was a close friend of the woman and was the last person known to have been with her. Coroner Taylor said yesterday that heart failure was the direct cause of death. Mrs. Martin was fifty-five years old.

## Wanted in Philadelphia.

Detective Sergeants Wiltshire and Bailey yesterday arrested John Bailey, of Philadelphia, on a charge of deserting his wife in that city.

## Can You Stand the Pace at 60?

Kellogg's Sanitone Wafers Make You Strong and Husky as You Were in Days of Old.

50-Cent Box FREE.

If you're "slowing up" on vitality, feeling old before you should, your nerves need a tonic—take Kellogg's Sanitone Wafers now.



Look Better and Feel Younger at 60 Than You Did at 40.

This is the remedy that has astonished scientists by its quick action—vitalizing powers. It has brought scores of brain-weary, exhausted men and women back to sprightly vigor and the buoyancy of youth. When that "all in, woo-begone" feeling makes you tired of the game of life—your nerves have "got you," you've used up their vital force. You're nervous, not body-sick, nerve-hungry, not dyspeptic, and must build up on a nerve-tonic food. It's a shame for a man at 40 to feel gloomy or low-spirited, or for a woman in the staying power that fills you with "get-up-and-go." Kellogg's Sanitone Wafers revive you so you feel like a new being, and keep you at your best for years to come.

To convince you of their merit, let us mail you, FREE, a 50-cent box of Kellogg's Sanitone Wafers, in regular 81 boxes, are for sale by all leading druggists. Why then, you get them from us or buy from your druggist, don't fail to get them right away. The regular \$1.00 size of Kellogg's Sanitone Wafers is for sale in Richmond at Owens & Minor Co., 1000 East Clay Street; Peoples Drug Co., 3000 Williamsburg Avenue; Chas. A. Venable, 2501 Venable Street; Trangle Drug Co., 317 East Broad Street; E. A. Crump, 101 West Broad Street; Grant Drug Co., Twelfth and Main Streets.

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Send me by return mail, free of charge, a 50c trial box of the wonderful discovery for nerves, Kellogg's Sanitone Wafers. I enclose 6 cents in stamps to help pay postage and packing.

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## The Christmas Shopping Center Miller & Rhoads

## Women's Suits De Luxe

Style Quality and Low Price  
Blend in Our Suits

at \$25



Our Suits de Luxe are garments of the dressier sort, designed to meet the demands of women who are not averse to paying a sum like \$25.00 for a garment out of the ordinary in style, fabric and finish.

Winter sees an increase in the vogue of fur for trimming, and it appears on these suits to a great extent. Materials are poplin, gabardine and broadcloths. Braided motifs accentuate the new flare over the hips and are echoed on the box plaits of the skirts. In all the dark colors and lined in peau de cygne or Skinner satin.

WOMEN'S AND MISSES' SIZES, in an assortment that's wonderfully large.

All specially priced at \$25.00.

## Women's and Misses' Coats \$15.00

The BEST VALUE we've yet offered at such a small price!

Three of the season's smartest models; of kitten-car, pebble cheviot and imported novelty materials—Navy Blue, Brown, Black and mixtures, with fur or velvet trimmings. Every Coat is well tailored and half lined.

## Dresses "one-of-a-kind" \$10.00

A special lot of about thirty Taffeta, Satin and Serge Frocks; also Serge and Satin Combinations, have been gathered together for quick sale.

All colors and most all women's and misses' sizes are among these, and being but one of a kind, there's a very great variety of styles. If interested in a Dress for street or evening wear, we advise an early inspection of these.

## Luxurious Furs, the Royal Xmas Gift!

This is FUR time—Xmas time always is! If you've been looking for the ideal gift for wife, daughter, friend or yourself, by all means make it a handsome set, or a piece or two, of Miller & Rhoads' Furs!

Separate Muffs and Scarfs, also sets of Furs, are here in all the popular pelts and newest shapes.



Taupe Fox Sets	\$85.00
Black Fox Sets	\$82.50
Hudson Seal Sets	\$40.00
Eastern Mink Sets	\$75.00
German Fitch Sets	\$37.50

## Four Specials in Furs

Hudson Lynx Set, Ball Muff and one-animal Scarf	\$16.50
Black Fox Muff at	\$20.00
Hudson Lynx Muff at	\$11.50
Iceland Fox Sets at	\$12.50

Second Floor.

## A Silk Scarf Makes a Dainty Gift for "Her"

To give a woman something that's right-up-to-the-minute in style and of great popularity and is sure to please, these excellent SILK SKATING AND AUTO SCARFS are just the correct thing.

We are displaying a most comprehensive variety of these in our Women's Neckwear Department (First Floor).

Dainty Scarves in both domestic and imported fibre and pure thread silk—priced from \$1.00 to \$10.00 each.

It Will Help

this tremendously busy Christmas Shopping Center, to serve you even better—more promptly and with greater satisfaction—if you SHOP EARLY, early in the day! Keep to the right. Make sure the salesperson repeats your name and address correctly. And take small parcels with you. THANK YOU! MILLER & RHOADS

Store Open Daily Until 6 P. M.

## The Christmas Shopping Center Miller & Rhoads

## A Good Provider's Cheerful Xmas Gift

Just the other day the writer had a conversation with a gentleman—a married man. He asked if the Millinery Department displayed any suitable gift for his wife.

"Why not buy for her A BIRD OF PARADISE," was suggested. "We have beautiful Paradise Sprays from \$3.98 up to \$45.00 each." He selected one at \$20.00.

It's easy to imagine the pleasant surprise that awaits the "her" in this instance; for what woman would not appreciate a handsome gift of this character?

OTHER SUGGESTIONS for an appropriate present are afforded by our showing of smartly trimmed Hats—Turban, Draped Hats; also new Flower Hats and Leather Hats—at \$2.98 to \$7.50. Second Floor.

## Why One's Gifts Should be Practical

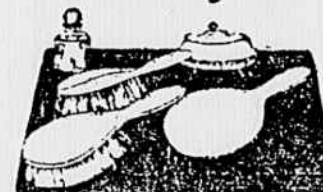
Put yourself in the recipient's place—and remember how highly you prize the gift that's PRACTICAL! And practicality cannot be more uniquely expressed than in something for personal use, or for the home. That, then, should bring you to the "Christmas Shopping Center," where you can be sure that any selection will be a wise one—and any choice a generous one in quality, although the price be moderate.

You want all the assurance of satisfaction you can have at Christmas time—when what you buy is going out of your keeping. You want to feel sure it is right—and you can with a "Miller & Rhoads guarantee" behind it.

In the host of things suitable for gifts we have exercised even more than our usual caution in selection. We have put on all possible pressure to keep the prices down to the lowest level—and we believe we find it a fact that your money will go farthest HERE toward a happy and appreciated Christmas.

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## Pretty Ivory Pyralin



What is daintier or more really useful than a gift of this character; something that's sure of a welcome place on every woman's dresser?

We have a larger assortment than ever before, and in many instances better values!

Mirrors, \$1.00 to \$5.00.	Hat Brushes, 75c to \$1.98.
Hair Brushes, \$1.50 to \$5.00.	Cloth Brushes, \$1.98 to \$3.50.
Combs, 25c to \$1.00.	Manicure Sets, \$1.00 to \$6.98.
Puff Boxes, 50c to \$2.50.	Separate Manicure Articles, 25c to \$1.50 each.
Hair Receivers, 50c to \$2.25.	Clocks, \$1.50 to \$7.50.
Hat Pin Holders, 75c or \$1.	Sewing Baskets, 50c to \$2.50.
Jewel Boxes, \$1.50 to \$5.00.	Salve Boxes, 25c to \$1.00.
Pin Cushions, 50c.	Glove Stretchers, \$1.00.
Photo Frames, 25c to \$3.50.	
Whisk Brooms, 75c to \$1.50.	
Trays, 25c to \$2.50.	
Perfume Bottles, 25c to \$5.	

## Dainty Colored Toilet Articles

To match the "Pink Room," PINK Celluloid Toilet Articles.	To match the "Black and White Room," BLACK and WHITE Toilet Articles.
To match the "Blue Room," BLUE Celluloid Toilet Articles.	To match the "Green Room," JADE Celluloid Toilet Articles.

## Solid Silver for Gifts

We invite inspection of our splendid stock from all who contemplate giving gifts of this character.

Beautiful sets or separate articles—ENGRAVED AND BOXED FREE!

Comb, Brush and Mirror set, \$10.00 to \$25.00.	Pencils, 50c to \$2.00.
Military Sets, \$5.50 to \$10.	Manicure Articles, 25c or 50c.
Cloth Brushes, \$3.50 to \$5.	Pin Boxes, 50c to \$2.50.
Hat Brushes, \$1.50 to \$2.25.	Dorine Boxes, \$1.50 to \$7.50.
Whisk Brooms, \$1.00 to \$2.50.	Slipper Horns, 25c to \$1.00.
Sewing Sets, \$1.00.	Gillette Decollete Safety Razors, \$5.00.
Vanity Cases, \$5.00 to \$12.	Talcum Boxes, 50c to \$1.25.
Cigarette Cases, \$5 to \$12.	Military Brushes, \$2.98 to \$6.50.
Match Boxes, \$1.00 to \$2.98.	Necktie Holders, \$5.00.
Tattooing Shuttles, 50c to \$1.	Photo Frames, 25c or 50c.
Smelling Salts, \$1.00.	
Cigarette Holders, 75c or \$1.	
Dinner Bells, 25c or 50c.	

## Special Christmas Display and Sale of

## Women's and Children's SWEATERS

A display comprising more BEAUTIES in these very popular winter garments than any we've yet made; witness, the superb exhibits in our window and the big aisle full on our second floor.

The event is opportune for gift-buyers for SWEATER COATS MAKE IDEAL GIFTS—for the kiddies and little girls, as well as for big sister and mamma—and amongst these are quite a number of very EXCEPTIONAL VALUES!

Fiber, Vicuna, Wool and Jersey Sweaters, in new and popular styles and all the wanted colors.

FIBER SWEATERS OR WOOL SWEATERS, a very special one at \$3.98.

WONDERFUL VALUES IN WOMEN'S SWEATERS AT \$5.98—heavy all-worsted Sweaters, soft and warm.

FOR \$6.50—THE "SKATING" SWEATER—heavy mannish weave, with close fitting collar; strictly all wool.

BRUSHED WOOL AND VICUNA SWEATERS in gold, Kelley, heather, purple and rose, \$5.00 to \$10.00.

FOR AUTO OR SPORT—warm Scarfs, Caps, Shawls, Hug-Me-Tights, Vests and other Knitted accessories that make nice presents.

JAUNTY SPORT SWEATERS, in stripes and solid colors; also checks and combinations of wool, fiber and silk; some with sashes, \$8.50 to \$20.00.

FOR GIRLS, wool Sweaters, in popular colors; sizes 28 to 34, at \$2.98 each.

VERY STYLISH BELTED SWEATERS (in small sizes only), special at \$1.50.

SWEATER SETS, in white or red, \$3.50, \$4.00 to \$7.50.

KIDDIES' SWEATERS, \$1.50 to \$4.98. Second Floor.



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